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To whom it may concern:

Hi, I am a NIH employee working in Building 10 Clinical center Pharmacy IV Unit. I am a vegetarian. Since the Covid 19 pandemic started I have been unable to get any food here at NIH. If I don't bring food with me I am doomed to be starving throughout my 8 hours shift. I work on site full time and have short timed break so I don't have time to go out of the building to get food, or even go to ACRF cafeteria. I only have enough time to get food at CRC coffee bar place. Vegetarian choices of HOT food are extremely scarce. When I work morning shift I am trying to at least get the breakfast sandwich egg with cheese which does not have any meat. Most often all of them are gone by 9 am, but I can only get out for a break after 9 am. There are plenty of sausage, egg and cheese breakfast sandwiches and bacon, egg and cheese sandwiches left after 9 am, but not the vegetarian ones. Most mornings I have to starve when I have no time to prepare my breakfast before leaving home for work, I am not even talking about later. The dishes available for lunch are way to pricey and mostly contain meat. If there are scarce veggie dishes they are all gone by the time I get my lunch break. please note I am talking about hot food, not snacks or cold salads, but even salads mostly contain chicken and therefore are not vegetarian.

Honestly, I am having horrendous experience starving here, and I feel that vegetarian people are being completely ignored. We have the right to get food as much as those people who eat meat!

Can you please do something about this as soon as possible?

Thank you,

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